

REMARKS

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephonic interview held May 10, 2007 between Examiner Ralph Gitomer and their undersigned counsel during which the indefiniteness rejection of claims 1 and 3 was discussed. The foregoing amendments and following remarks are respectfully submitted to reflect the discussion which took place during the interview.

The rejection of claims 1 and 3 for obviousness-type double patenting over prior U.S. Patent No. 6,946,243 is believed overcome by the submission of the accompanying Terminal Disclaimer.

Any grounds which may have existed for the rejection of claims 1 and 3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, are believed overcome by the foregoing amendments to claims 1 and 3, which clarify, *inter alia*, that the candidate compound is identified as a compound which inhibits de novo lipogenesis by virtue of the fact that the measurement of the effect of the candidate compound on carboanhydrase activity shows that it exhibits an inhibitory effect on the carboanhydrase activity of at least one mammalian carboanhydrase. As currently amended, the claim is respectfully submitted to be clear and definite. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are accordingly, respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

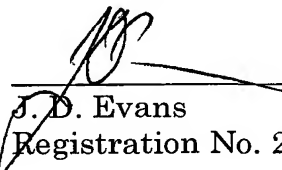
If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and

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please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029300.49991D1).

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